The Earthquake and the Tidal Wave

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Chapter 1: The Earthquake and the Tidal Wave

"Smile," Piers said, lightly punching Felix's arm. The Venus adept gave his companion a side-long glance, rolling his eyes before looking back over the ocean. Sailing really wasn't Felix's favorite thing, but the ocean at night, when the ship simply rocked gently to the waves, he felt the most at-peace with Mercury than ever.

Piers sighed and leaned on the side of the ship, unable to keep himself from smiling. He loved the sea at all times, but for some reason, he loved it far more when his traveling companions—especially Felix—were at peace with it. He noticed his friends' reactions to the ocean; he saw when they were seasick, or missing the land. He saw everyone's, but he *felt* Felix's reactions. It was as if their Venus and Mercury were more in tune than the others' elements.

"The moon can smile enough for me," Felix said, startling Piers a bit. The blue-haired Lemurian moved a little closer to his star-gazing companion.

"I like it better when you smile, though," Piers said softly. They had an easygoing friendship, but Piers wanted more. He wanted Felix to be happy, but he wanted to be the cause of that happiness. They had shared some moments where Piers was sure that something would come of then—but then Jenna would interrupt, a monster would appear, something would cut short the moment. Neither of them were the type to bring it up out of regular conversation, either.

Felix turned to look at Piers, studying the moonlit profile of the Lemurian.

"I find it hard to trust the ocean. It works itself into a frenzy, and reacting to every other element. An earthquake can cause a tidal wave," Felix murmured, his eyes traveling over Piers' body. With a slight smile, Piers turned to meet Felix's eyes.

"But it takes the earth to cause the ocean to feel," he replied, his eyes shining. His heart was beating quickly, but his face was schooled into a natural expression. He could see Felix's mind working quickly behind the neutral face. The Venus adept was surprisingly easy to read.

Felix looked down at his feet, suddenly reaching out and taking Piers' hand. He looked up uncharacteristically shyly, his head still tilted down. He was met with Piers' smile, and the Lemurian reached out with his other hand and tilted Felix's head upwards just slightly. Stepping closer, he lightly pressed his lips to the Venus adept's.

The movement of the waves seemed to halt for a split second. In that moment, Felix brought his other arm around Piers, holding the Lemurian to him. When they broke apart, there was a grin on Piers' face and a smile in Felix's eyes.

"It takes an earthquake to create a tidal wave," Felix whispered, resting his forehead on his friend's—no, he thought suddenly, his lover's.

With a quiet laugh, Piers kissed Felix gently for a second time, reveling in the union of Venus and Mercury, of land and sea, and of two hearts.